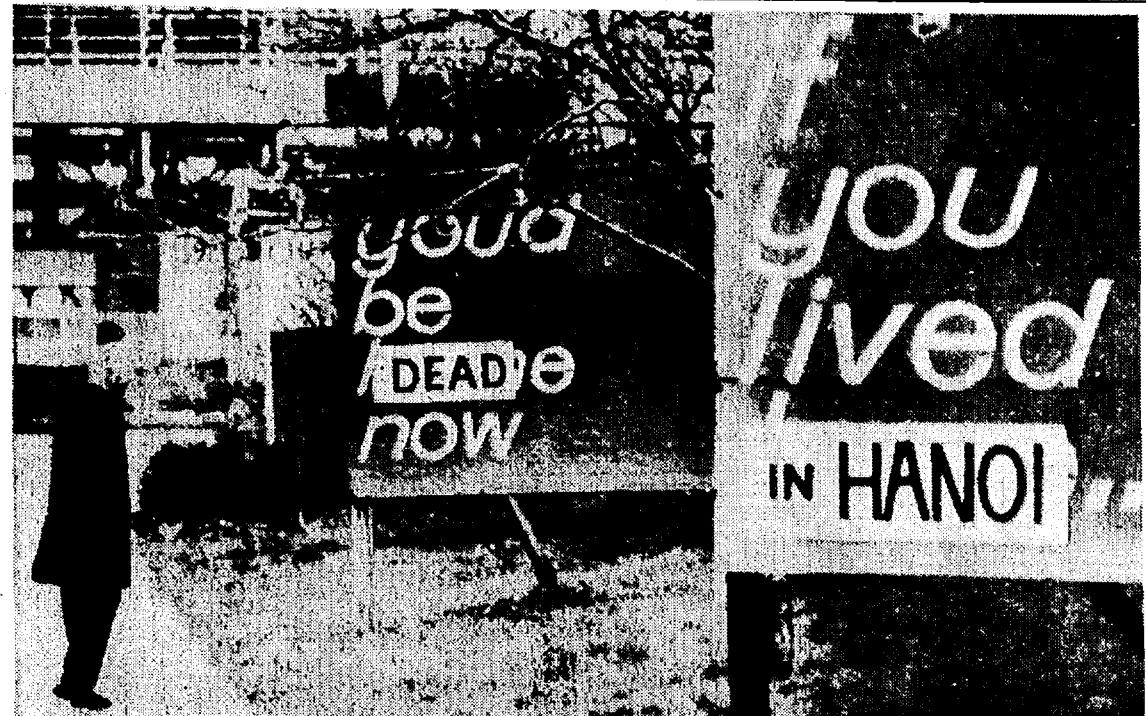


Nixon, Soviet Envoys In Surprise Meeting



CHANGE IN SIGNS: Motorists coming off Storrow Drive into Boston this morning had to look twice at the signs that usually give them a smile as they wait for the

traffic lights. Revisions during the night updated the quote which originally read: "If you lived here... you'd be home now". (AP Wirephoto)

Hope For Moscow Summit

Today's Session
Seen As Sign
Talks Still On

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Nixon met today with two ranking Soviet officials—a surprise session that might indicate his North Vietnamese moves will not wreck the May 22 Moscow summit.

The White House described the meeting between Nikolai Patolichev, the Soviet Minister of Foreign Trade, and Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin, with Nixon and three of his top aides as a "courtesy call."

But, coming as it did against the backdrop of a Soviet statement on Nixon's latest Vietnam measures, it could be a hopeful sign for the long-arranged summit.

Press secretary Ronald Ziegler, who described the session as a courtesy call, said Patolichev was in Washington for trade talks with Secretary of Commerce Peter G. Peterson.

Peterson was in Nixon's office for the meeting, as was presidential adviser Henry A. Kissinger and economic adviser Peter Flanigan.

Newsmen and photographers were hastily notified of the meeting and were ushered briefly into the office to observe the session's start.

Nixon and the trade minister talked through a translator about the difficulty of the Russian language. The President observed that "Russian is much easier than oriental languages," and said "Russian for me is much easier than Polish."

Nixon gave the Russian and Polish words for friendship, saying the Russian word is much easier to pronounce. Then he asked Dobrynin "How do you say long-live in Russian?" After Dobrynin replied, the President glanced at the newsmen and said, "We've given the press enough instruction in language, now we can get down to business."

Precisely what business they were discussing was not disclosed. But the timing of the meeting seemed significant.

The session came soon after the Soviet Union's first top-level reaction to Nixon's announcement Monday night that he had ordered the mining of

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PROTESTORS GASSED: Police helicopter flies low over antiwar protesters blocking intersection and drops spray of pepper-fog to break up the group that stopped traffic Wednesday near the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. (AP Wirephoto)

Ships Flee Haiphong; Air, Sea Attacks Rage

SAIGON (AP) — Several freighters, including at least one flying the Soviet flag, pulled out of Haiphong harbor before the deadline set by President Nixon for safe passage

through the mined entrance, the U.S. 7th Fleet announced today.

The mines dropped by U.S. planes Tuesday across the entrances to Haiphong and six other North Vietnamese ports were set to arm themselves at 7 p.m. Saigon time today, or 7 are now armed and can be exploded by ships passing over or near them.

The Navy's top admiral said today:

"This is clearly an act of self defense on the part of the United States and South Vietnam."

Adm Elmo R. Zumwalt said the psychological effect of the U.S. mining on North Vietnam will be immediate.

He said on NBC's televised Today show that the North Vietnamese knew that "the input of supplies... will be a trickle from now on."

The admiral said the actions North Vietnam takes on the battlefield will determine how long the supplies the enemy already has will last.

Intense U.S. air and naval bombardment continued

against military targets in North Vietnam for the third successive day. The 7th Fleet said the most powerful cruiser-destroyer force assembled in the western Pacific since World War II was ranging up and down the coast hitting within four miles of Haiphong.

Informants said U.S. fighter-bombers flew 300 strikes against the Hanoi-Haiphong military complex and other areas of North Vietnam Wednesday, and pilots reported shooting down 10 MIG interceptors, the biggest one-day bag of the war.

Another 200 air strikes were flown against North Vietnam today, the sources said, but they did not disclose the specific locations.

Navy Lt. Randy Cunningham of Shelbina, Mo., pilot of an F4 Phantom from the carrier Constellation, and his copilot Lt. (jg) William Driscoll of Farmington, Mass., shot down three of the MIGs, raising their total kills to five since Jan. 19 and qualifying them as the first aces of the Vietnam war.

Their plane was hit by an anti-aircraft missile after they downed their third MIG, but Cunningham nursed the crippled Phantom out to the Tonkin Gulf where they bailed out. A helicopter rescued them.

It was one of three U.S. planes that the American command reported shot down Wednesday over North Vietnam. Two Air Force Phantoms were downed by cannon fire from a MIG19 between Hanoi and the Yen Bai air base, 60

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Penn Central commuter train, causing a few rush-hour delays on the line. Eighteen were arrested. A student sit-in at the university ROTC building continued.

At Philadelphia, some 30 demonstrators formed a human chain this morning to block the entrance to the naval base there.

At Bowling Green, Ohio, a pipe bomb was exploded for the second time in less than 24 hours. The bomb, placed under a National Guard truck, went off shortly after midnight. The blast did not damage the truck but did break several windows in a nearby armory.

Almost exactly 24 hours earlier

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4,000 To 5,000 Protest Mining

MSU Students Block Road

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan State University students kept East Lansing's major street blocked today in a continuing demonstration against the war in Vietnam.

Police estimated about 300 students were on the street at rush hour this morning. Thousands of demonstrators were involved Wednesday, the second day of the protest.

Traffic has been rerouted to other major roads within a short driving distance.

Police said some students stayed in the street all night. Only a few arrests were reported Wednesday night, none after

midnight. Disregarding a plea for peace from Dr. Clifton R. Wharton, MSU president, a crowd estimated at between 4,000 and 5,000 moved into the street bordering the campus Wednesday. Some chanted slogans and displayed Viet Cong flags and peace symbol signs.

Wharton personally appealed to the students on a small hill in front of Beaumont Tower, a campus landmark. But within five minutes of his address, students had descended the hill and moved into Grand River Avenue, which separates the

campus from most of the shops in town.

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AIR COMBAT: U.S. fighter-bombers shot down a record 10 MIGs Wednesday and three U.S. planes were lost in aerial combat over North Vietnam. Types of planes involved were, from top, F4 Phantom, MIG 21 and MIG 17. (AP Wirephoto)

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Editorial Page

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher
Bett Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

A Sure Way To Handle Skyjackers

The tiny state of Israel, some 3 million persons living in an area the size of New Jersey, supplies many lessons which today's muddy concepts prefer to overlook.

She is surrounded by hostile neighbors itching for the propitious moment to deploy weapons furnished by the Kremlin.

Her natural resources are meager.

The climate is invigorating in one sense, debilitating in another.

Despite these handicaps, her people are carving a garden from a wilderness.

Next year she celebrates the 25th anniversary as a nation.

These accomplishments are possible only because the Israelis and their leadership have steelled themselves in the realism of sizing up a problem and then displaying complete determination to solve it.

One has to be inspired and at the same time hardheaded to run such an obstacle course.

Two days ago the Israelis dramatically demonstrated this tough mindedness which has carried them through so many tribulations.

On Monday four Arab guerrillas, two men and two women, boarded a Belgian airliner on a Brussels to Tel Aviv flight via Vienna.

Following the Vienna stopover, the band, armed to the teeth, took command of the ship.

Upon the craft's landing at Tel Aviv, the guerrillas demanded the Israeli government free some 100 to 300 Arab terrorists penned up in government jails on pain of the group destroying the ship and its 100 passengers and crew members.

It Couldn't Happen To A More Deserving Fella

Ralph Nader, America's self appointed ombudsman, is finally getting a taste of the medicine he dishes out to others, that of calling upon the establishment to be more responsive.

Two years ago, one of his front outfits, the Center For Study Of Responsive Law, initiated a contest on the theme of corporate responsibility above and beyond carrying on business.

The entrants had to send in a thesis.

First prize was posted at \$750.

Donald Gordon, then a senior at USC's law school, sent in an 80-page paper, replete with that exasperation so dear to hearts of law professors editing law school journals — the footnote. The more footnotes the more profound the main body of writing is judged to be. The ambitious Gordon stuck 196 into his thesis.

Failing to hear from the contest officials and never learning of any winners, Gordon wrote the Center a what happened letter.

Eventually he received a reply from John Esposito, one of the Center's henchmen, saying there were so few entries the contest was cancelled.

Gordon had received his diploma and been taken into a Los Angeles law firm by

They also demanded additional planes to fly out their jailed comrades.

The negotiations dragged on for 21 hours, during which time the Israelis towed a plane next to the hijacked craft.

Come nightfall on Tuesday, 18 Israeli commandos camouflaged in Sabena air mechanics suits, forced an entrance into the ship.

A quick burst of gunfire from their concealed weapons killed the two male guerrillas and wounded their female companions who were promptly brought under complete arrest.

The gunfire sprayed some passengers but not seriously.

The Israeli government took the risky decision, but the right one.

Yielding to the first demand for blackmail is only a step to complete degradation.

The Israelis have been saying no to other blackmail for better than 25 years, on the grander scale of surrendering their very existence.

Lt. Gen. David Elazar, their army's chief of staff, correctly saw the Sabena skyjacking as a part of that overall blackmail and couched its response in terms of a military operation.

His comment following the nightmare, however, is to the point from a law enforcement standpoint on all skyjacking. "If other countries," he said, "acted the way we did, hijackings would stop."

He might have added a further comment for his U.S. audience.

Once the two women guerrillas are patched up, they'll be quickly brought to a no nonsense trial and ensuing punishment.



GLANCING BACKWARDS

FINAL APPROVAL FOR SUBDIVISION

—1 Year Ago—

Lincoln township trustees last night gave final approval for construction of Sherwood Manor subdivision on Jerico road south of Stevensville.

The subdivision is one of four that was not included in a ban on proposed new subdivision in the township approved by the board at its April meeting. The ban was issued last month until the sewer and water facility situation is straightened out.

SJ MAN APPOINTED TO STATE DEPARTMENT

—10 Years Ago—

Martin D. Pschigoda, 33, of St. Joseph, has been appointed an accountant for the U. S. State department's Agency for International Development (AID) and will be assigned to an overseas post in Cambodia, in southeast Asia.

He is the second twin cities man selected in recent weeks by the State department to help in administering America's

foreign aid program abroad.

GIRD TO FIGHT MIDNIGHT CURFEW*

—29 Years Ago—

Proposed amendments to the liquor ordinance providing for a midnight curfew and Sunday closing of all liquor places in the twin cities was headed for a showdown today.

The amendments were introduced last night at both the St. Joseph and Benton Harbor city commission meetings. Monday, May 24, was set for hearing objections in both cities. The proposed amendments would make it unlawful to sell liquor, beer or wine on Sundays and on any regular or special election days until after the polls are closed.

CORONATION

—39 Years Ago—

State Senator Leon D. Case of Watervliet crowned Blossom Queen Marian Evans at the coronation ball held at Shadowland.

CIVIC PROJECT

—49 Years Ago—

The St. Joseph Kiwanis club has contracted for the purchase of seven acres of land, laying the foundation for a civic project which will take several years to complete. It is the aim of the Kiwanians to provide the city with a recreational center. The three parcels of land comprising the site on Pearl street, are owned by C. H. Whitcomb, Jerry Rhodes and Ray Mantel. Sides of the field form a natural amphitheater.

REGIN DUTIES

—59 Years Ago—

John F. Wurz entered upon his new duties as managing editor of the St. Joseph Daily Press and has become interested in the Press Publishing company. He will have charge of the editorial and new department of the paper. He was at one time city editor of the News-Palladium of Benton Harbor.

WORK BEGUN

—79 Years Ago—

The work of laying the cement for the new walk around the foundation in the park was begun this morning.

It follows that the North

Good Living Dulls The Joys Of Life



WASHINGTON (NEA) — The eminent historian, Dr. Daniel J. Boorstin of the Smithsonian Institution, has an idea why Americans these days are making so much of their discontentments and frustrations.

He thinks they don't have enough rich living experience to set off against the things that trouble them.

How can this be? In this incredibly "democratized" society, more Americans than ever before can travel the nation and the world, watch or engage in sports and recreation, listen to music of all kinds, see drama in many forms, observe many events of history first-hand or, through television, at close second-hand.

Isn't all this enough to take a man's mind off his troubles?

Boorstin says no. While it obviously can be and is argued that the democratizing of virtually everything is a good end, he sees one gravely dispiriting consequence.

He calls it the diluting or thinning out of experience. Too much of a good thing, gained too easily, is a bore.

Good music heard in warm, friendly settings, at concerts and other public gatherings, on ritualistic occasions, has the stamp of richness about it. But when it pours forth in an unbroken flood from department stores, restaurants, building elevators, airplanes and even street corners, it becomes a gray fog of sound dulling to the senses.

The wonders of travel to places of beauty and strangeness fade if they are

seen too often, and in the inescapable company of too many others who find it easy today to make the same journeys. Can the stark grandeur of Yosemite be enjoyed fully as a mere backdrop to a colossal traffic jam?

Under the relentless glare of television's light, the wit of the most inventive comedians falters and the graces of the most stylish actors take on a look of contrivance. The dogged manufacture of "fun" and "dramatic excitement" often ends up producing neither.

Man's going to the moon is a monumental accomplishment, a triumph of human genius, always a perilous plunge into cold, hostile blackness. Yet, after five showings on television, the great diluter, it has no more effect on many Americans than a jaunt to the store for hair spray.

There is just too much laid out before us. And the net of that, says the perceptive Dr. Boorstin, is the thinning out of good living and the consequent magnifying of our discontents.

Specialness and rarity and true individuality are gone from much of what we do and experience. Our goal is said to be heightened opportunity for everyone to be himself. But we are learning that the process which brings that opportunity somehow steals the richness from our choices.

Young workers smothered by the tedium of the factory assembly line seek escape, to enjoy life more. Fine. But doing what? Getting into a traffic line at Yosemite?



Let's Try Real Vietnamization

Open University Plan

What is perhaps the most promising concept in higher education in many years is labeled the open university program. The idea has met with such success in the year and a half of its operation in Great Britain, the country of its origin, that it will be introduced at New Jersey's Rutgers for a trial run in 1972-73.

The open university makes few scholastic concessions. This is in contrast to open enrollment, in which colleges bypass entrance examinations and accept most applicants, many requiring remedial training in some subjects and a sub-college level curriculum to follow.

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The initial offerings at Rutgers in humanities, science and mathematics are described as demanding and comprehensive. They will be open to anyone, regardless of age or high school preparation provided the applicant is believed to have a fair chance at completing a year's study.

The open university will function under the evening program University College and is unique in two respects. It will permit students to work at home with the aid of tape recordings, a boon to the employed and handicapped, and will require on-campus presence only about once a month to view supplemental materials on closed circuit television and to consult with tutors.

Completion of study will entitle the student to enter the University College and continue working at night toward a degree or stay on at open university if success extends its tenure.

Although the program is an experiment to see whether the system that is functioning well in Great Britain will work here, there will be no reduction in tuition or compromise with excellence.

One ultimate advantage, perhaps, will be elimination of the need to expand conventional universities at mounting construction costs. The unuttered aim of the program, however, is to discover whether student motivation will be strong enough to support education's unceasing need to elevate the status of the individual.

Rocky Mulls

Abortion

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Gov.

Nelson A. Rockefeller was confronted today with a clear challenge from the legislature to make good on his threat to veto a measure that would virtually outlaw abortions in New York.

There was no word on when

Rockefeller would act on the bill, which he has scorned repeatedly.

The measure would allow abortions only when necessary to save the life of the mother—the standard that prevailed for a century in New York before the legislature liberalized the law in 1970 to permit elective abortions in the first 24 weeks of pregnancy.

WRITER ELECTED

DETROIT (AP) — Dave Smith of Ward's Auto World was elected Wednesday as president of the Society of American Business Writers, succeeding Al Altweig of the Dallas Morning News.

BERRY'S WORLD

Bill Veto

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Twin City
News

City Manager Stepping Down

Stewart Requests New BH Job

By RALPH LUTZ

Staff Writer
Benton Harbor City Manager
Don C. Stewart requested
Wednesday that he be replaced
as chief administrative officer
by no later than Sept. 1, if
possible.

Stewart also requested that
he be placed in charge of a new

department to devote full time
to developing the downtown
area, until final retirement
from city government. He said
his target date for full
retirement is April 1, 1974,
shortly before his 60th birthday.

Stewart's requests were
made to members of the city

commission, meeting in an all-
day special session to review a
host of problems and determine
priorities for future govern-
mental action. The session was
at Howard Johnson's.

Because it was not a regular
meeting, commissioners were
unable to take formal action.

A verbal poll, however,

showed that all commissioners
and Mayor Charles F. Joseph
agreed to Stewart's requests.

Under a tentative timetable
presented by Stewart, the
commission would im-
mediately seek and screen
applicants for the city
manager's post. A replacement
would be hired by July 1.

Stewart would work with his
successor and retain the city
manager title until Sept. 1,
when Stewart would step down
and begin the new duties.

The replacement then would
assume all duties of chief
administrative officer and hold
the manager's title.

Stewart started work as
Benton Harbor city manager on
Sept. 1, 1957. He succeeded
the late H.H. (Pat) Crow and
began at a salary of \$15,000.
Stewart said his base pay now
is \$25,200 a year, of which \$1,000
comes from the market board
for duties in that area.

Stewart cited several reasons
in his request to the com-
missioners.

He blended a staggering load

of work with a limited amount
of manpower, and a challenge
"to change the skyline of
Benton Harbor" by filling
empty lots with buildings that
result in more tax base and
more jobs.

The city manager will qualify
for a pension this year when he
completes 15 years of service
with the city. If he remains in
city employ for another two
years, his pension will be very
substantially larger than if he
were to retire before two years
is up. That's because of the
nature of the city's pension
formula.

Stewart said that he can
produce results by 1974, but
must get an early start—no
later than Sept. 1.

The department Stewart
would head will be new. The
pay for the post has to be
negotiated, along with other
aspects, such as work space
and staff. This would call for
redrafting the \$3.6 million
budget, already approved for
fiscal 1972-73, Stewart said.

It was indicated that money
in the budget would be
reassigned, rather than in-
creasing the amount.

Commissioners were told
that the city charter under its
plan of government, chapter 3,
section 3.18, provides for such a
new department. The section
states:

"The commission shall, by
ordinance, determine and
prescribe the duties of each
department, subject to the
express provisions contained
herein, and may by a vote of six
(two-thirds) of its members
create new departments,
combine existing departments
and establish temporary
departments for special work."

Whether a new city manager
is to be a well-known person
from this area, or someone
from somewhere else is up to
the commission to determine.
The commission hires and fires
a manager at its pleasure.
Stewart recommended
someone specifically schooled
in city administration and,
preferably, with some actual
experience as an assistant in
municipal government.

A native of Hartford, Stewart

attended Western Michigan
university three years and
Michigan State university a

year and a half, majoring in
engineering. He entered ad-
ministrative work, however,

and served as manager of the
Traverse City Chamber of
Commerce from 1943-46. He
came to Benton Harbor in

February, 1951, to become
manager of the former Benton
Harbor Chamber of Com-
merce. His move to city
manager in 1957 spelled a jump

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ASKS JOB CHANGE: Don Stewart asked Benton Harbor city commission yesterday to be relieved of city manager's job by Sept. 1 and placed at head of new department to promote industrial and commercial development of city.

SJ Dentist Honored By Colleagues

By LYLE SUMERIX

South Berrien Bureau

BERRIEN SPRINGS — A
man whose career has been
dedicated to his community
and his profession was honored
last night by his colleagues.

Dr. LaVerne H. Andrews of
1619 Niles Avenue, St. Joseph,
was cited for 54 years in den-
tistry, the past 48 of which have
been in St. Joseph. He plans to
retire July 1 to devote his time
to caring for his invalid wife,
Bertha.

Dr. Andrews was described
as "small in stature, but big in
heart", a man who is a credit to
his profession and his com-
munity, by Dr. Raymond S.
Reck, president of Lakeland
Valley Dental society, at the
society's annual ladies night
affair on the Andrews
university campus.

The guest of honor was
presented a plaque to com-
memorate his years of service.

Dr. Andrews served on St.
Joseph school board for several
years, and is a past president of
St. Joseph Kiwanis club. He
also is president of Twin City

Camera club, and was chair-
man of the travel and ad-
venture committee for 17
years.

Born in Albion Feb. 16, 1897,
Dr. Andrews grew up near
Homer before starting his
dental career at the University
of Michigan in 1915. At that
time dentistry was a three-year
course, which he completed in
1918.

After a short hitch in the
army dental corps, he returned
to the university that failed to
teach. During his six years as
an instructor, Dr. Andrews also
maintained an office in Ann
Arbor.

He moved his practice to St.
Joseph in 1924, becoming
associated with Drs. T. G.
Yeomans and J. J. McDermott.

In 1950 he was joined by his
son-in-law, Dr. William W.
Ednie.

Dr. Andrews attained the
highest professional honor in
1952, when he was made a
fellow of the American College
of Dentists.

This climaxed an active role
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SJ DENTIST HONORED: Dr. LaVerne H. Andrews, center, who plans to retire July 1 after practicing dentistry 54 years, was honored last night by Lakeland Valley Dental society at a dinner on Andrews university campus. Dr. Raymond S. Reck, right, society president, presented Dr. Andrews with a plaque to commemorate his years of service. (Staff photo)

SJ Seventh-Graders Write Hutchinson

They Aren't Forgetting POW's

By JERRY MORTON

Special Correspondent

Three St. Joseph seventh-
grade English classes are
making certain that the
"forgotten men" of the Viet-
nam War are being remembered.

Although writing letters is a
new experience for most of
Kathy Schultz' students, they
already are learning to use
their words to support a good
cause.

The students, members of
Miss Schultz' Upton and Milton

Junior High School classes, are
directing their letters to Rep.
Edward Hutchinson, urging the
Fourth District Congressman
to do all he can to assist in the
release of American men being
held prisoners in North Viet-
nam.

"You can't really call this a
political thing," Miss Schultz
said. "These students are
sincerely interested in learning
about the problem and seeing
what they can do to help."

The letters, written and
mailed by 85 students, are an

outgrowth of assignments on
letter-writing, a regular part of
the junior high school English
program.

The interest in American
prisoners was spurred by the
activity of Miss Schultz, and
other Twin City residents, in a
California-based organization
called VIVA—Voices in Vital
America.

The organization, consisting
of students and relatives of
P.O.W. families, sells bracelets
with the names of a Prisoner of
War or a serviceman listed as

missing in action. Each
bracelet lists the name, rank,
and date of disappearance of
the serviceman.

VIVA uses the money to
support a lobbyist, pay a small
staff composed of P.O.W.
relatives, and build a
scholarship fund for children of
prisoners.

The bracelet reminds the
wearer that, whatever the
apparent course of the war,
more than 1,700 men remain
listed as prisoners or missing.

Kathy Schultz is wearing a

VIVA bracelet. So are many of
her students.

"Several students said
they've experienced the same
thing I have," she said. "You
feel like a brother to the person
whose name you're wearing."

Mrs. James Vance, of St.
Joseph, an area VIVA coordi-
nator, estimated that more than
500 bracelets have been
sold in the Twin Cities since
January.

"It bothered me that much
was being said about the
prisoners but that nothing
seemed to be happening," she
said.

Mrs. Priscilla Poore, a
physical education instructor
at St. Joseph High School, said
she was shocked when she saw
Capt. Lynn Guenther being
interviewed in a North Viet-
namese prison camp.

"His name is on my
bracelet," she said. "It made
me feel all the more concerned
about the men we've heard
nothing about."

The first objective of VIVA,
she said, is to determine the
location of all prisoners or
missing servicemen.

The organization then hopes
the men can be assisted
through the aid of the Interna-
tional Red Cross.

The letters of St. Joseph
seventh graders reveal a
clarity seldom achieved by
much older writers.

"I do not know the person
whose name I have, but I
already feel very close," Ann
Ryan said.

"I would like to know what
your plans are to try to get
them home. Please hurry,"

Craig Smith wrote.

But the opening sentence of
Cindy Nerenberg's letter,
perhaps, said it best of all:

"I am writing to you because
I care."



HEAD SALVATION ARMY: William Rohring (left), Fairplain Plaza clothier, was installed Tuesday as chairman of the Salvation Army board. Rohring, former vice chairman, succeeds Harry Litowich. From left: Rohring, Litowich, Brig. Gen. William Roberts, divisional commander of Salvation Army and guest speaker, and Maj. Walt Winters, commander of

Salvation Army Citadel on Hinkley street, Benton
Harbor. Other officers of Salvation Army board are
Albert Dexel, new vice chairman; Mrs. Helen Gore,
secretary, and D. Carter Cook, treasurer, both of whom
were re-elected. Two new advisory board members
were elected at the annual meeting, George Westfield
and John Wilk. (Staff photo)

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Gambling Tops State Ballot Issues

Constitutional Amendments Up For Decision

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LANSING, Mich. (AP)—The most important part of next Tuesday's Michigan primary election has nothing to do with presidential politics.

What really counts is whether voters put the state in the gambling business.

A lesser issue, but also with more lasting importance than the presidential primary vote, is the question of letting legislators accept other offices in midterm.

The two constitutional amendments have been overshadowed by all the hoopla over the state's first presidential primary in 40 years. However, the effects of votes on the amendment proposals will linger long after the presidential candidates have forgotten Michigan.

Proposal A, an issue of high controversy, would lift the state's constitutional ban on lotteries.

It would not, however, automatically legalize gambling. It would only give the legislature the power to prescribe the form of legal lotteries. Bingo, for instance, would have to be

okayed by specific legislation.

In anticipation of a favorable

vote on the amendment, 72

members of the House have introduced jointly a bill to establish a five-member state lottery commission and give it \$1.5 million in start-up money.

Many legislators see a state lottery as a partial solution to the state's financial troubles.

They see no reason why the state couldn't do as well as New Jersey, which expects to earn \$60 million from a lottery this year. New Jersey is among a half-dozen states with lotteries.

Gambling has long been an item of legislative interest in Michigan. The Citizens Research Council of Michigan says 29 lottery amendments have been proposed since the new constitution took effect in 1964. Lotteries have been banned under all constitutions in Michigan.

Actually, \$60 million isn't much when you're talking about a state budget of some \$2.27 billion. But the extra money could keep some programs from being cut in tight times.

The lottery wouldn't keep income taxes down unless it raised a lot more than \$60 million. A one-half per cent hike in the income tax, for instance, would raise about \$175 million.

Sponsors argue that in addition to helping the state financially, a lottery would cut down illegal gambling. This is disputed by opponents, who also claim the state could raise an

additional \$60 million more easily through changes in the tax structure.

Organized opposition to the lottery proposal is centered in a churchmen's organization calling itself Committee on Lottery Information and Prevention (CLIP).

CLIP contends state-sanctioned gambling would represent an exertion of moral standards and also would prey on gullible quick dreams of the poor.

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In 1954, voters rejected a proposal to allow the legislature to approve bingo and other lotteries for charitable purposes. Since then, gambling proposals have taken various forms. In recent years, dog racing and offtrack betting on horses have gained a lot of attention.

Dog racing has never been approved by either house, but offtrack betting has won the blessing of the House of Representatives in each of the last two sessions. The Senate has yet to act on the idea.

But despite the controversial nature of the latest proposal on lotteries, the propaganda mills of both supporters and opponents have been grinding rather quietly.

The presidential primary has simply stolen the spotlight. There hasn't been any high-pitched public discussion of the lottery question—nothing like the boiling emotionalism of the public-aid-for-private-schools controversy in 1970. And nothing like the battle yet to come over the abortion reform amendment in November.

Proposal B on the May 16 ballot took Capitol observers by surprise. There hadn't been much talk of putting the question to voters, yet it sailed through both houses with surprising speed just before the deadline for the ballot.

The constitution now forbids a legislator from running for another office or quitting to accept an appointment during a legislative term. Legislators asked voters to change this in 1968, but the people refused—better than a 2-1 margin.

So they're asked again.

Legislators argue they are being discriminated against; that other officials can seek different offices before their terms end.

Opponents contend some legislators would use the new freedom improperly—by bargaining for special appointments, making political deals to create new positions attractive to legislators, and in general using a legislative seat as a springboard to something else while leaving the people unrepresented.

If either proposal is adopted, it will become part of the constitution July 1.



A BUSY COUNTY: The impact of Berrien county health programs, health; Tom Sinn, county planning director; Stanley Petzel, chamber president, and John Banyon, chamber vice president and moderator. Another participant, not pictured, is Heath P. Calvin, engineer manager, Berrien county road commission.

\$2.7 Million In State Funds Spent On Berrien Roads

Girl, Boy Are Top Students



MARGUERITE GOSS
Valedictorian



LARRY BOITNOTT
Salutatorian

LAWRENCE — Marguerite Goss has been named valedictorian and Larry Boitnott salutatorian of the 1972 senior class at Lawrence high school, according to Principal Mrs. Donna Curtis.

Miss Goss, 18, plans to enter Kalamazoo Valley college in June to begin work toward an associate degree in registered nursing.

Presently Miss Goss is the treasurer of the Lawrence high National Honor Society chapter and a member of a dance band.

Miss Goss, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goss, is employed part-time at a restaurant in Lawrence.

Boitnott, 17, is president of the Lawrence National Honor Society and a member of the school newspaper staff.

Boitnott, who is employed part-time at a Lawrence service station, plans to attend the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. He is the son of Mrs. Ruby Jane Renfer of Lawrence, and Henry B. Boitnott of Decatur.

Niles Man Missing In SJ River

NILES - Dragging operations resumed this morning in the St. Joseph river here for a Niles businessman, Samuel Agassi, who is believed to have drowned last night when he and a companion went over the French Paper company dam in a canoe.

The victim's companion, Gerald Marston, of 914 Oak street, Niles, was not injured in the 40-foot fall and managed to swim to shore and summon help. The canoe was recovered a short distance down stream. City police said the accident happened about 9:30 p.m. as the men were completing a

practice run in preparation for a South Bend-to-Niles canoe race Saturday.

Marston told police he and Agassi, 45, also of 914 Oak street, Niles, put in the river at South Bend about 7 p.m. It was after dark when they reached Niles and Marston said they did not realize they were so close to the dam until too late.

Indiana and Michigan Electric company officials closed their dam in South Bend to lower the water level and aid dragging operations.

Agassi owns and operates U.S. Pleasure center on US-31 south of Niles.

The Berrien county Democratic hierarchy last night came out for Sen. George McGovern as having the best chance to beat President Nixon.

JAMES KELLER of New Buffalo, the county Democratic chairman, hoped his public announcement would lead the undecided rank and file party workers into the McGovern camp.

His pledge of support for

The Berrien County Road Commission spent \$2.7 million on the maintenance and building of 1,440 miles of roads in the county last year, according to Heath P. Calvin, engineer manager of the Berrien County Road commission.

Calvin spoke Wednesday morning at the second of a series of Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce breakfasts at the St. Joseph Holiday Inn.

He said the county received these funds from the state, but the statute governing the division of these funds creates a problem. The formula provides that 28 per cent of the funds must be used to maintain and build 970 miles of roads.

The remaining 72 per cent is designated for maintaining and building only 470 miles of primary roads.

The legislature's idea in devising this formula was to force local units of government, namely the townships, and the people on the roads, to contribute to the construction and improvement of the 970 miles of roadway, according to Calvin.

Road plans for the Twin City area for 1972 include the resurfacing of Nickerson avenue from Colfax to M-139; Pipestone road from M-139 to I-94; and Territorial road from Fair avenue out to Red Arrow Highway, he said. Construction plans had included the building of Cleveland avenue out to Glenford road, but the St. Joseph township board has

requested the road commission defer this project. The township plans to install a sewer system and construction would interfere with the new pavement. Calvin said the project has been postponed for a year.

Calvin said the road commission is in the process of acquiring the right of way at the intersection of Napier avenue and Colfax to install a five lane intersection so that traffic can move through the intersection without being tied up as it does now by cars making a left turn. Calvin said construction on the intersection could begin next year if the commission doesn't run into right of way difficulties.

He said they are also starting surveys this year to extend Napier Avenue on east as a section of that road needs improvement due to the heavy traffic flow.

Other speakers at the meeting were Thomas Sinn, Berrien county planning

director; Dr. Robert Loecey, Berrien county health director and Edward Golson, divisional director, environmental health.

Sinn said the major responsibility of the county planning commission is to develop a long range development plan for the county. They have been engaged in working on this plan for the past five years with 75 per cent of it completed. It consists of a series of 12 studies with additional ones on com-

mercial and industrial land use and an agricultural study on prime agricultural land. He said the state is conducting a similar agricultural study, the local study is six months ahead of the state.

Dr. Loecey said Berrien county spent \$1.34 per capita for public health last year, ranking 74th out of 83 counties in Michigan. The state average is \$2.54 per capita.

Golson told of his department's air monitoring station in the county giving an overview of our pollution in comparison with the rest of the nation.

John Banyon, chamber vice president, moderated the session attended by some 60 persons.



THEY'RE FOR McGOVERN: Berrien county's Democrat party leaders have come out in support of Senator George McGovern in his quest for the Democratic presidential nomination. They are, from left, Richard (Dick) Gates of Benton Harbor, who is campaign coordinator

for McGovern in Berrien, county chairman James Keller of New Buffalo, David McCormick of Niles, fourth district party chairman, and Atty. Tat Parish, former county chairman. (Staff photo)

Party Activity On Rise

Berrien Democrats Support McGovern

McGovern was echoed by Atty. Tat Parish, former County Democratic chairman and by David McCormick of Niles, the Fourth district party chairman.

Richard (Dick) Gates of Benton Harbor was named campaign coordinator for McGovern in Berrien county by Wally Reese, McGovern's West Michigan coordinator.

Gates, a Lake Michigan college trustee, said the

response of voter support for McGovern was "fantastic." He said grass root party workers were coming into the McGovern camp in droves.

The announcement of the McGovern support came six days before the first Michigan presidential primary election.

Parish said local Democratic leaders would spend the time before the balloting raising funds and pushing McGovern's candidacy with the fervor of

beating President Nixon.

Both Keller and Parish originally had backed Senator Edward Muskie before the Maine senator bowed out of the race.

Parish also laid heavy emphasis on the importance of electing Democratic party delegates in the presidential primary because they will be the people who will be running the party for the next two years. Picking delegates is

important, Parish said, because they also nominate non-partisan candidates and the candidates for numerous state offices.

The Berrien County Democratic organization has expanded considerably in recent years, Parish said.

Gates in his new role as McGovern coordinator said McGovern is attracting grass roots support from a wide range of people.

Reese, whose headquarters are in Grand Rapids, said Western Michigan is swinging toward McGovern dramatically. Of a block of voters 35 to 40 per cent who

professed to be undecided a few weeks ago, the undecided number is now down to 25 per cent, polls indicate.

Of the undecided who now have picked their candidate, Reese said 75 per cent back McGovern.